GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Poor/Unhygienic Conditions of Railway Stations
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that use of toilets of trains cause unhygienic and filthy conditions during the period they remain stationary at the railway stations;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the details of concrete steps the Government has decided to take to tackle this menace to improve the unhygienic condition of the Railway Stations;
(d) whether the Ministry of Railways proposes to join hands with the Ministries of Urban Development and Tourism to formulate a well-conceived programme as part of Clean India Initiative; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. Following actions have been taken by Railways to reduce human waste falling on to the platform tracks at stations:
(i) Locking of empty coaching rakes stabled in the platforms is being done for preventing unauthorised use of toilets in the coaches when these are not under maintenance.
(ii) Provision of Bio-toilets prevents human waste from falling onto the track. Coaches in service are being progressively fitted with bio-toilets. Till 30.06.2017, over 79,500 bio-toilets have been fitted in more than 22,400 coaches.
(iii) Awareness among the rail users is being increased through display of information by means of public announcement system as well as display boards / labels to advise passengers not to use toilets when the trains are at stations.
2. In addition to the above, to avoid an unhygienic situation due to human waste falling on the tracks at stations, following actions are taken:
(i) Provision of washable concrete aprons for tracks in the platform area.
(ii) Proper mechanised arrangement for cleaning of tracks at platforms.
(iii) Provision and maintenance of toilets at stations for the use of passengers.
(d) & (e) Ministry of Railways, in consultation with Ministry of Urban Development is organising periodical campaigns under Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat Mission at major and important stations, which include generation of awareness among the rail users through special drives to inculcate correct practices on the use of toilets and to improve cleanliness at stations.

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